

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-15 are amended by the present amendment at least to better comply with standard U.S. claim practice.

Claim amendments find support in the application as originally filed, thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 5, 6, 11 and 12 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) as improper; Claim 1 was objected to as including informalities; Claims 1-4, 7-10 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Wong (U.S. Pat. No. 7,039,403).

With respect to the objection to Claims 1, 5, 6, 11 and 12, the claims have been amended to conform with U.S. claim practice. Thus, Applicants submit that the objections to the Claims are moot in light of the changes to the claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claims 1, 5, 6, 11 and 12 be withdrawn.

Initially, applicant and applicant's representative wish to thank Examiner Safaipour and Examiner Perez-Gutierrez for the interview granted applicant's representative on September 13, 2006. During the interview applicant's representative pointed out distinctions between the present claims and the applied Wong reference. The present response sets forth the discussed differences.

Addressing now the rejection of Claims 1-4, 7-10 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Wong, that rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 1 recites, in part,

transmitting a first resource management instruction,  
comprising a module identification identifying the resource  
module, to a resource management centre;

transmitting a second resource management instruction from the resource management centre via a communication network to the resource module identified through the module identification;

making ready or releasing resources, in accordance with the received second resource management instruction, through a resource control mechanism in the identified resource module;

transmitting a resource management confirmation from the identified resource module via the communication network to the resource management centre; and

storing information in the resource management centre about the resources made ready or released, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 7 recites a system claim including analogous features and Claim 13 recites the resource management centre with analogous features.

Wong describes a method of registering a mobile telephone on a mobile network provider's system via a sales computer located in the sales office of the mobile network provider.

However, as discussed in the interview, Wong does not describe or suggest transmitting a first resource management instruction, comprising a module identification identifying the resource module, to a resource management centre and transmitting a second resource management instruction from the resource management centre via a communication network to the resource module identified through the module identification.

In other words, Wong does not describe that the second resource management instruction is sent from the resource management centre to the resource module that is identified through the module identification.

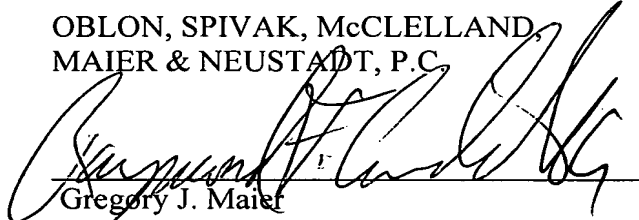
Further, Wong does not describe transmitting a second resource management instruction to a resource module, where the resource module is connected to a communication terminal and is designed in particular as a chipcard and the resources in the modules are electronic memory units, as is recited in Claim 1.

Accordingly, as Wong does not describe or suggest all of the features of Claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 and similarly Claims 7 and 13 and claims depending therefrom patentably distinguish over Wong.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussion, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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